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03/20/2007 10:25 AM

To

Subject Fw: FROM CONGRESSMAN UPTON'S OFFICE -  
Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Cleanup Issue

Mary,

Sam Borries is the OSC in the Removal Program who will be overseeing the Plainwell Impoundment Removal Action and Disposal at the Allied Paper Landfill. I left Sam a voicemail as well as cc'd him on this e-mail. Sam is in training this afternoon. I'll call his supervisor now to track him down. Shari

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From: Mary Canavan/R5/USEPA/US  
Date: 03/20/2007 10:10AM  
Subject: Fw: FROM CONGRESSMAN UPTON'S OFFICE - Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Cleanup Issue

Shari,

Can you call me about this. We need to get back to the Congressman's office today. My phone number is 312-353-3018. Thanks.

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Good Afternoon, Mary!

Just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water . . .

Please pardon the informality of this referral, but the question of where the

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PCB-containing sediment from the Plainwell cleanup will be deposited is the hot topic of the day. I've been approached by two Kalamazoo City Commissioners in the past 72 hours and they're discussing it at tonight's Kalamazoo City Commission meeting. The message below was sent to Fred via e-mail by the City's Public Services Director. A prompt response, even if interim, would be greatly appreciated. If you can provide a direct contact person for Mr. Merchant at EPA Region V, that would be welcome, too.

If you need a more formal case referral, please let me know. The cc's are two of our Washington staffers.

Thanks!

Ed

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-----Original Message-----

From: writerep  
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:33 PM  
To: Representative Fred Upton  
Subject: WriteRep Responses

DATE: March 15, 2007 1:55 PM  
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msg:  
Dear Fred -

I'm Bruce Merchant, the Director of Public Services for the City of Kalamazoo. The City was recently informed of a mediated negotiation settlement between the USEPA, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and two of the paper companies regarding cleanup of the Kalamazoo River in Plainwell. While good news for the Kalamazoo River, the USEPA and the MDEQ will be disposing of over 130,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediments in the old Allied Paper Landfill located within the City of Kalamazoo. This site, at the old Allied Paper Mill location off Alcott Street in the City of Kalamazoo, is between two solid Kalamazoo neighborhoods, Edison and Westnedge Hill, plus it is in the 5-year time of travel for approximately 1/2

of the Kalamazoo area's drinking water supply.

The City wants the Kalamazoo River to be cleaned up but not to the detriment of the City of Kalamazoo. We have been informed by USEPA-Region 5 officials that this is a completed settlement under the "time-critical site remediation" process under the CERCLA or "Superfund" legislation. As you well know, the PCB problem in the Kalamazoo River has been an ongoing issue for at least 20 years. We're curious as to how this is suddenly a "time-critical" issue for the USEPA.

Could you please check into this issue and see what recourse may be available to the City of Kalamazoo? Is there a way to have input into the process (other than "after-the-fact") when the EPA has suddenly indicated that the City of Kalamazoo must be the "landfill" for the Plainwell PCBs?

We have many concerned neighborhoods and citizens. Any response and help would be much appreciated. Thank you! My email address is: [merchantb@kalamazoocity.org](mailto:merchantb@kalamazoocity.org), my phone number is: (269) 337-8711 and my fax number is (269) 337-8533.

Bruce Merchant  
Public Services Director  
City of Kalamazoo